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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English abstracts of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication Nos. 4-341766, 2001-313078, 5-299113 and 2002-270143 are attached. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 4-341766 is also discussed in the specification at pages 1 and 2.

Non-English language Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-518816 correspondences to the PCT patent application of WO 99/66581. Also non-English

language Electric Vehicle Handbook (2001), pp. 259-263 is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

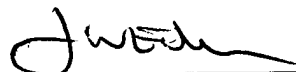
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		5-299113	4/23/1992	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		2002-270143	3/7/2001	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Electric Vehicle Handbook (2001), Electric Vehicle Handbook, pgs. 259-262, Maruzen.

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